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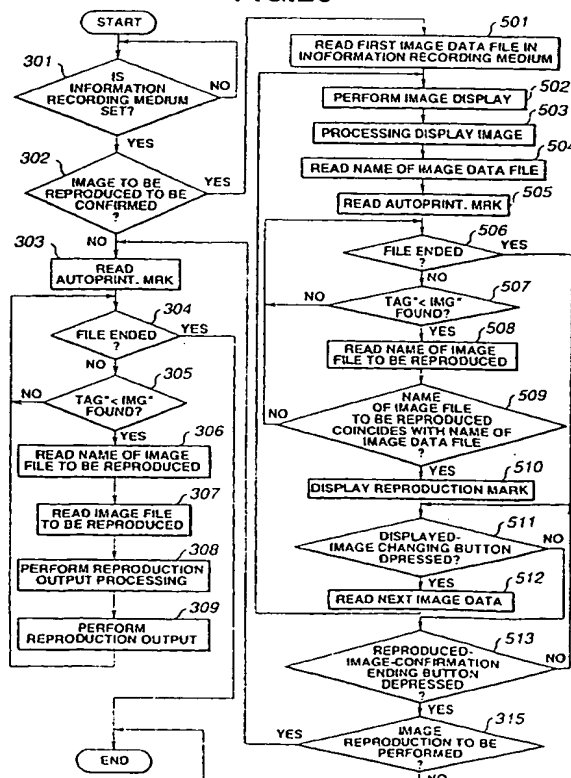
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(54) Image output control apparatus

(57) An image output control apparatus includes a recognition unit for recognizing mounting of a recording medium, a reading unit for reading image-reproduction instruction data recorded in the recording medium based on the recognition of the mounting, and a generation unit for performing image generation for output by selectively reading necessary image data from the information recording medium in accordance with the image-reproduction instruction data.

FIG.20



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Image reproduction control apparatus and method comprising controlling a display unit to display information identifying images selected for reproduction in accordance with reproduction instructions and means for receiving confirmation from a user that images are to be reproduced

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Image output control method and apparatus comprising recognizing or determining mounting or setting of a recording medium and reading of image reproduction instruction data based on the recognition or determination

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